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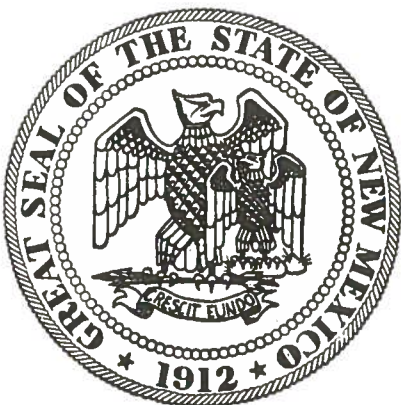
HOUSE MEMORIAL 58

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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE ALONZO BALDONADO AND REPRESENTATIVE DAVID C. CHAVEZ AND  
REPRESENTATIVE DON L. TRIPP



1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE DEEP CULTURAL IMPORTANCE OF THE MATANZA.

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4 WHEREAS, a matanza is a traditional and cultural family  
5 and community event and includes the preparing of livestock  
6 for human consumption; and

7 WHEREAS, matanzas have been held annually, typically  
8 during the winter months, for over four hundred years and have  
9 deep cultural meaning within the Hispanic community in New  
10 Mexico; and

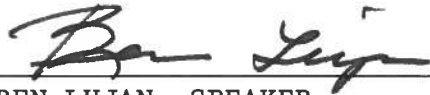
11 WHEREAS, the original purpose of a matanza was to  
12 harvest livestock meat and lard for the community; and

13 WHEREAS, over time, the matanza grew to be a social  
14 event that transcended its original purpose of feeding the  
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, today, the matanza's purpose is to preserve and  
17 maintain the lifelong bonds of immediate and extended family;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the deep  
20 cultural importance of the matanza be recognized; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the governor, the members of the New Mexico  
23 congressional delegation, the Valencia county Hispano chamber  
24 of commerce and the appropriate interim legislative committee.



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BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES